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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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FACILITIES IN AC TIER COMPARTMENTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to introduce a better designed and passenger friendly AC 3 tier coaches with increased capacity of passenger;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken /proposed to be taken to provide more facilities in AC 3 tier compartments?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAIWLAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)& (c) Indian Railways have always endeavored to improve upon the passenger coaches to make them as passenger friendly as possible. Design changes towards this objective is a continuous process.

Arising out of a transfer of technology from M/s ALSTOM, Indian Railways have started manufacturing state of the art Air Conditioned coaches including Air Conditioned 3 Tier sleeper coaches to Linke Hoffman Busch (LHB) design. These are presently running in a number of Shatabdi and Rajdhani Express services. These coaches have aesthetically pleasing interiors, and higher passenger carrying capacity.

Newly introduced Air Conditioned 3 tier coaches for `Garib Rath` Express Trains have also been designed with a higher passenger carrying capacity of 75 persons as against 64 berths in the conventional Air Conditioned 3 tier coaches being run on Railways until now.

Two rakes of such coaches have already been manufactured at Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala / Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai. All passenger amenity items viz., Snack Tables, Bottle holders, Mirrors, Magazine holders, improved illumination using Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL), Mobile charging sockets etc. have been provided and comfort of passengers taken due care of in these coaches.

Furthermore, by increasing the overall height of the coach shell, a new Air Conditioned 3 Tier coach design and layout is presently under consideration of the Ministry of Railways wherein the passenger carrying capacity is expected to be further enhanced to 81 passengers per coach .